

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 5833–5856; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 121; and H. Res. 897–899 were introduced. **Pages H4137–38**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4139–40**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 900, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–679). **Page H4137**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Higgins (LA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3981**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3987**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Ted Kitchens, Christ Chapel Bible Church, Fort Worth, TX. **Page H3987**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H3987, H4058**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Banks (IN) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. **Page H3990**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Rutherford wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H3990**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Wenstrup wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services. **Pages H3990–91**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 897, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3991**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, May 15th.

**Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act:** S. 35, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the Black

Hills National Cemetery, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 187. **Page H4008**

**Requesting the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill H.R. 4743:** The House agreed to H. Res. 899, requesting the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill H.R. 4743. **Page H4008**

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting the amendment to H.R. 5698 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H4009**

**Protect and Serve Act of 2018:** The House passed H.R. 5698, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 188. **Pages H4009–14, H4057**

Agreed to:

Goodlatte amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–677) that adds clarifying language so only those who cause injury to a law enforcement officer with intent, not by accident, can be charged under the statute; it also amends the definition of law enforcement officer to assure correctional officers are covered by the definition. **Page H4014**

H. Res. 891, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5698), (S. 2372), and (H.R. 2) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 186, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 230 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 185. **Pages H3991–H4007**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 891 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 184. **Pages H3991–94**

**Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act:** The House passed S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, by a recorded vote of 347 yeas to 70 noes, Roll No. 189. **Pages H4014–46, H4057–58**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 5674 as reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, as modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–677, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4014**

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**Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 2372:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 121, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 2372. **Page H4058**

**Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018:** The House considered H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 17th. **Pages H4046–50, H4050–57, H4058–4129**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

King (IA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that allows Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to go into contracts with drainage districts to provide irrigation or water efficiency; **Pages H4123–24**

Gibbs amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that expresses a sense of Congress encouraging partnerships at the watershed level between nonpoint sources and regulated point sources to advance the goals of the Water Pollution Control Act; **Page H4124**

Rogers (AL) amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that amends the Nutrition title to allow SNAP users to purchase a multivitamin with their SNAP benefits; **Pages H4124–25**

Bergman amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that directs GAO to study the agricultural credit needs of farms, ranches, and related agricultural businesses that are owned or operated by Indian tribes on tribal lands or enrolled members of Indian tribes on Indian allotments; if needs are not being met, report shall include legislative and other recommendations that would result in a system under which the needs are met in an equitable and effective manner; **Page H4125**

Arrington amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that modifies the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Guarantee Loan Program and the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Pro-

gram to permit rural hospitals to refinance existing debt; **Pages H4125–26**

Jones amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that removes the first 1,500 individuals residing on military bases from calculation into population thresholds set for 'rural areas';

**Pages H4126–27**

Latta amendment (No. 8 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that requires the Federal Communications Commission, in consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture, to establish a task force for reviewing the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States; and **Pages H4127–28**

Thompson (PA) amendment (No. 9 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that adds Chronic Wasting Disease to Sec. 7208, High-Priority Research and Extension Initiatives. **Pages H4128–29**

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m. **Page H4136**

**Senate Referrals:** S.J. Res. 52 was held at the desk.

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4050.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3993–94, H4006–07, H4007, H4008, H4057, and H4057–58. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2019 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2019 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY 2019 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the FY 2019 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and